



USSVI Groton Base
"First and Finest"
Home of Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse



Shipmates, Families, and Friends

November is a busy month here at the Domenic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse. Thanksgiving is fast approaching and so is our 24th annual Thanksgiving at the clubhouse. Last year, somehow, we managed to squeeze the door over 900 meals to go and filled the bellies of over 500 Sailors, family members, and friends. November is also the month we honor our Veteran Community on Veterans Day. Enjoy the month and all that it has to offer. Remember USSVI Groton Base is the home of every qualified Submariner, we need to spread the word and to bring in new members at every opportunity. The average age of USSVI membership is 73, well into our own autumnal equinox. We need new members now more than ever. We are only as strong as our membership. Please spread the word and bring in new members.

United States Submarine Veterans Inc.

WHO WE ARE: We are all United States Submariners! Whether currently Active, Retired, Reserve or an Honorably discharged veteran, we all were and some still are members of the elite underseas fighting force of the United States Navy. We are all volunteers who passed stringent testing, challenging training and we proved our mettle when we earned the coveted designation "QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES". Whether your dolphins are gold or silver, there is no expiration date on the back of that precious pin.

ABOUT US: Groton Base was established the first USSVI Base, in 1964, following the tragic loss of the USS Thresher SSN-593. Our creed serves to remember them and all US Submariners on Eternal Patrol."

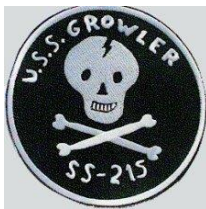
United States Submarine Veterans Creed

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of duties while serving their country that their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice may be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments, and to pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

Lost Boats – November



Lost on Nov 7, 1944 with the loss of 85 men when she was sunk off northern Hokkaido. Winner of two Presidential Unit Citations, Albacore was on her eleventh war patrol and struck a mine while running submerged near a Japanese patrol craft that had detected her. Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC) confirmed the identity of a wreck site off the coast of Hokkaido, Japan, as USS Albacore (SS 218) Feb. 16, 2023



Lost on Nov 8, 1944 with the loss of 86 men when she was sunk in the South China Sea. Winner of two Navy Unit Commendations, Growler was on her 12th war patrol, and was lost while attacking a convoy, probably as a result of a depth charge attack or victim of a circular run by one of her own torpedoes.



Probably sunk on November 16, 1944 with the loss of 83 men near Tokyo Bay. On her 8th war patrol, she may have been damaged by a mine and was trailing oil, which helped Japanese coast defense vessels locate and destroy her with depth charges.



Lost on Nov 16, 1943 with the loss of 82 men when she was sunk just south of Truk. Corvina was on her 1st war patrol and appears she was lost to the torpedoes of a Japanese submarine.



Lost on Nov 19, 1943 with the loss of 43 men near Truk. Severely damaged by depth charges after attacking an enemy convoy, Sculpin continued to fight on the surface. When the captain was killed, the crew abandoned ship and scuttled Sculpin. 41 men were taken prisoner but only 21 survived the war. Among those not abandoning ship was CAPT Cromwell, aboard as a potential wolfpack commander, he rode the Sculpin down, fearing that vital information in his possession might be compromised under torture. For this, CAPT Cromwell was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



Plan of the Month November 2023

DATE	TIME	ACTION	DESCRIPTION
1	1600	Event	Ray Powell Pump Room
2	1700	Event	Motorcycle Club Meeting Pump Room
3	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation
5	0200	Action	Daylight Savings Time Ends
6	1730	Social	Pre-meeting Attitude Adjustment Social
6	1830	Meeting	SUBVETS Monthly/Business Meeting
9	1100	Event	SubSchool Hail and Farewell Pump Room
11	1100	Event	Veterans Day Service City of Groton Municipal Building
12	1000	Event	Brunch SubSchool CPO Association
13	1730	Meeting	60th Anniversary and Holland Club Induction Planning Meeting
14	1130	Luncheon	Holland Club Monthly luncheon
17	0900	Event	SubSchool Graduation
17	2000	Social	Karaoke
18	0830	Action	Pre-Thanksgiving event Field Day
19-25	Closed	Event	Club Closed for Thanksgiving prep work
23	0600	Event	Thanksgiving Dinner
24	0800	Action	Thanksgiving Dinner Clean up
26	1000	Event	Brunch Old Salts
27	1730	Meeting	Executive Board Meeting
29	1830	Meeting	Thanksgiving Event wrap up meeting

Part of the Submarine Veterans Creed/Purpose is to endeavor to educate all third parties it comes in contact with about the services our submarine brothers performed and how their sacrifices made possible the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today."

Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS) Updates

During the month of October, a USSVI Groton Base member joined BESS graduation as the SubVets Representative presenting the "Heritage Award" to the class leader and a SubVet Challenge coin. In this month's issue we will highlight two graduations on 5 & 20 October. The following information on the Submarine that the graduating class was named. This information provided here comes from various sources to include Naval History and Heritage Command and Wikipedia. Follow the links for additional details.



On 5 October, the BESS class that graduated was named after the USS Chub SS 329.

The USS Chub (SS-329), a Balao-class submarine, was a ship of the United States Navy named for the chub, a game fish of the Atlantic and Mediterranean. The name is also given locally to a wide variety of American fishes. The keel was laid down, 16 September 1943, at the Electric Boat Company, Groton, CT. The sub was launched, 18 June 1944 and commissioned USS Chub (SS-329), 21 October 1944. Chub reached Pearl Harbor from New

London 24 January 1945, and after final training, put to sea for action waters 13 February. Her first war patrol, in Tonkin Gulf and the Java and South China Seas, found her skill and determination tried in four hairbreadth escapes from destruction. Chub put into Fremantle, Australia to repair and refit from 18 April 1945 to 14 May, and then sailed for the Java Sea and her second war patrol. During this patrol, she attacked two freighters, and sank the minesweeper W-34 which had come out hunting for her. The damage already done to Japanese shipping made targets few by this time, and Chub put into Subic Bay from 21 June to 15 July to refit.

Her third war patrol found her again in the Java Sea, sinking a number of small craft, although again and again attacked by the remnant of Japanese air strength. Returning to Fremantle 17 August, she sailed on to Subic Bay for training through the remainder of 1945, then returned to the West Coast.

Under terms of Security Assistance Program, Chub was overhauled in San Francisco, CA; transited the Panama Canal; made a port call at New London, CT and sailed for Turkey. Chub Decommissioned at Ismir, Republic of Turkey on 23 May 1948 and was transferred as "Grant-in-Aid" to the Turkish Navy. Commissioned TCG Gur (D-4) on 25 May 1948.

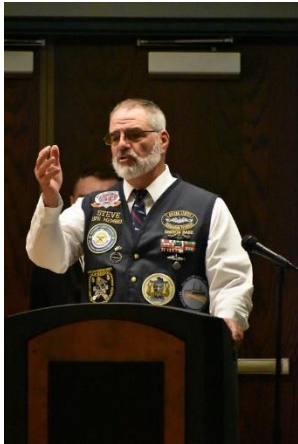
Chub earned three battle stars for her World War II service.

Researched by CTRC Donald J. Wagner, USN (Ret.) & Sait Kucuk, CPOS (Retired), Turkish Navy for NavSource. More on the Chub can be found at <https://www.navsource.org/archives/08/08329.htm> and <https://www.navsource.org/archives/08/08329.htm>.



USS Chub class # 23460 had 113 students with an 81% average and 16 graduated with distinction. This class of future Submariners have finished that first milestone in their Navy career and are anxiously waiting for their next assignments, ranging from “A” School to direct assignment to their first submarine. Instructors for this were TM1(SS) Carew, EMN1(SS) Gilliam, and STS1(SS) Kaytes. Thank you for using your background, training, and experience in training these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was SubSchool Director of Training, CDR Hill and Guest Speaker was CMDMCM Dexter Buckley, COB of the PCU Iowa SSN 797.



Retired ETCM(SS/DV) Steve Ricard, Commander USSVI Groton Base was the SubVet representative presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to SR (SU) Justis Prizio. The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented to SR (SU) Ryan Jennings. The class Honor Graduate award was presented to SA(SU) Samantha Shuey, and Navy Core Values Award was presented to STS3(SU) Van Griffith. Congratulations to all. Newly assigned SubSchool Chaplain, LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction. Congratulations and good luck as you begin the next phase of your submarine career. Looking forward to all of these fine Sailor joining our organization when they receive their fish.



Heritage Award: SR(SU) Justis Prizio



William H. Purdum Award: SR(SU) Ryan Jennings



Core Honor Graduate: SA(SU) Samantha Shuey



Value Award: STS3(SU) Van Griffith



On October 20, the graduating BESS class was named after the USS James K. Polk (SSBN 645)

USS James K. Polk (SSBN-645), a Benjamin Franklin class fleet ballistic missile submarine, was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for James K. Polk (1795–1849), the eleventh President of the United States (1845–1849). James K. Polk (SSB(N)-645) was launched 22 May 1965 by the Electric Boat Div., General Dynamics Corp., Groton, Conn.; sponsored by Mrs. Horacio Rivero, Jr., wife of Admiral Rivero, the Vice Chief of Naval Operations; and

commissioned 16 April 1966, Comdr. R. M. Douglass (blue crew) and Comdr. F. D. McMullen, Jr. (gold crew), in command. She was later converted into an attack submarine and redesignated SSN-645.. More on the USS Batfish SS-310 can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_James_K._Polk_or_https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/j/james-k-polk-ssb-n-645.html.



The Polk, class # 23480 had 95 students with an 82% average with 11 graduating with distinction. These future Submariners have finished that first significant milestone in their Navy career and are anxiously waiting for their next assignments, ranging from “A” School to direct assignment to their first submarine. Running this class through their paces were instructors STS2(SS) Hess, and FT2(SS) Rodrigue. Thank you for using your background, training, and experience in training these future Submariners.

The Command Representative was, SubSchool CO Captain Fanning, Guest Speaker was Captain Kenneth Curtin, CO Subbase New London, who was an enlisted crew member on board the Polk. LCDR Bob Kish, USN (Retired), Holland Club Member, USSVI Groton Base, and USSVI Life Member was the USSVI Groton Base Representative and presented the Submarine Heritage Award and a Groton Base challenge coin to YNSSA(SU) Nicholas Tovay. The Captain William H. Purdum Award was presented to TMSR(SU) Kristoff Allison. The class Honor Graduate award went to YNSSN(SU) Joshua Thornton. The Navy Core Values Award was presented to YNSSN(SU) Alejandro Aceves. Congratulations to all. SubSchool Chaplain, LT Levels gave the Invocation and Benediction.



On hand at the graduation were former crewmembers from the USS James K. Polk who were in the area for a reunion.



Congratulations and good luck as you begin the next phase of your submarine career. Looking forward to all of these fine Sailor joining our organization when they receive their fish.



Heritage Award: YNSSA(SU) Nicholas Tovay



William H. Purdum Award: TMSR(SU) Kristoff Allison



Honor Graduate: YNSSN(SU) Joshua Thornton



Core Value Award: YNSSN(SU) Alejandro Aceves

In addition to perpetuating the memory of departed shipmates, USSVI provides a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The USSVI supports a strong U.S. Submarine Force.

So, what has been going on since the last Broadcast?



The clubhouse is open Tuesday-Friday, 1100-1900, with lunch being served from 1200 - 1400. Thanks to Katrina, Heather, Ashley, Mika Hodge, and Riley for all the hard work, dedication and for keeping our clubhouse a go to destination. Luncheon specials and regular menu items are available. Check out our menus <https://www.ussvigroton.org/menus>. Stop in and renew some old friendships. Speaking of renewing maybe your Groton Base and USSVI National memberships. We are also hosting “Happy Hour” Tuesday & Wednesday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Come on down and try some drink specials.

During October, several organizations held various events from reunions to PCU Committee events, Commissioning’s, showers, and in house events. I want to thank all for choosing SubVets for their special events it truly brings home the feeling of family and the Submarine Community. We greatly appreciate your patronage.

Monday 2 October at 6:30 we held our Monthly membership meeting. Over 30 members joined the monthly meeting both in person and on Zoom. There were several new members that joined the meeting.

Sunday 15 October, the crew from the USS Delaware SSN 791, invaded the kitchen and the dining room to cook and served a delicious brunch,. Rumor has it there was an extra-large crowd all wanting to see if they could beat Old Salts head count of 97 happy customers.



Tuesday 17 October, we held our monthly Holland Club Luncheon. We did not have a guest speaker, per say, but we celebrated two birthdays Tony Faella 101 on September 8 and our newest SubVet member, Edward Tulinski Sr 100 on January 4. Captain Ken Curtin, CO of Subbase presented Ed with a letter marking his century milestone and his service during WWII.



SubSchool students on hand to support and listen to living legends, our Holland Club members were MMASR(SU) Carson Straight, FTSR(SU) Keaton Krueger, TMSN(SU) Victor Tena, TMSN(SU) Dean

Waddell, STSSN(SU) Ethan DuVal Ritter and TMSN(SU) Curtis Shumate. Thank you to Katrina for serving up a great meal of roast pork, rice, and carrots. Dessert....birthday cake and pumpkin pie.



Saturday 21 October, Naval Submarine Base New London host the annual Retirement Seminar and Informational Fair. SubVets Groton Base manned a booth and distributed information on membership and renewing old acquaintances. Big thanks to Alex Doucette, Al Kinsall, Rich Cheatham, John Carcioppolo, Stan Mathis, and Bob Dulin for holding down the desk and handing out updated USSVI information.



Friday 27 October was a busy night at SubVets. PCU Arizona SSN-803 established her first command and later held a meet and greet social in the Hall. Later that evening the Pump Room and the Tom Connors Dining Room filled with folks dressed in their finest Halloween costumes to listen to DJ Jammin' Jim Lawton play the tunes and try to carry a tune singing karaoke. Fun night.



Saturday 28 October SubVets Groton Base, Naval Submarine League, and DJ Jammin' Jim Lawton joined over 25 organizations and families as part of the Submarine Force Museum Trunk-Or-Treat. More than 1500 ghosts, goblins, Spiderman, and Jedi Knights cruised the parking lot looking for treats.



We have a lot of great events planned the coming months including Thanksgiving. There have been some discussions on restarting the Thursday night dinners. If you have any ideas on how to put butts in seats at **YOUR** club, let any of us know. Stop on by the clubhouse have lunch, renew your membership, and say “Hi.”

Boat Reunion



Anyone having a boat reunion in the “Submarine Capital of the World” soon or coming up in the near future, reach out and let us know. We would love for you to have one or more of your reunion functions at the club. Contact our Event Coordinator, Kait Hodge, via email at clubmanager@ussvigroton.org. As mentioned at SubSchool graduations, the friendship, and the bonds that you make while onboard your boat will last forever. I want to thank the boats who have



stopped by the club, “your club,” to renew friendships and to check on our many updates since your last visit.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Robert Perritt

Hello Shipmates,

The E-Board reviewed the 2024 budget requests on October 13. The proposed Groton Base budget will be presented to the members at the November membership meeting. All Groton Base members are encouraged to review the proposed budget and submit any comments or corrections up until Thanksgiving. The membership will vote to approve the 2024 budget at the December 2023 meeting.

Thank you to all the committee chairs and E-Board members who helped making the Base budget a reality for the first time in years!

V/r

Bob Perritt

vice@ussvigroton.org.

JR VICE COMMANDER

Paul Skalski

Greetings,

Last month I introduced USSV Charitable Foundation Ambassador program. The Charitable Foundation Ambassador shall be the conduit between the 165 USSVI bases and the USSV Charitable Foundation. The Charitable Foundation concentrates its efforts and charitable funding on natural disasters relief, memorials, visits to children's hospitals and especially to a wide-ranging scholarship program for USSVI members their off-springs and grandchildren seeking to participate in higher education, vocational training, or apprenticeship programs.

This month I will write about the BROTHERHOOD FUND; Ken Nichos is the Fund Manager.

The fund assists fellow shipmates who are themselves immediately experiencing serious illness. We can help with financial support associated with the illness. We also assist when other major events occur, fire floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, and other natural disasters.

The Brotherhood Fund in action.

Recently the brotherhood fund was approached by Mrs. Melanie Cutrer. Her husband Bob is a member of the Redfish Base outside of New Orleans, LA. Bob was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) as the disease progressed, they needed to make modifications to allow Bob to use their bathroom. Fund Manager Ken Nichols was able to act on Melanie's request and on Friday April 21st Redfish Base Commander Rich Pasnak was able to hand the very grateful Cutrer's a check from the Brotherhood Fund.

“SHIPMATES CARING ABOUT SHIPMATES”

Upcoming BRUNCHES at Groton Clubhouse, 40 School St., Groton, CT.

November 12 – Sub School CPO Association hosting

November 26 – Old Salts hosting

Brunch is from 1000 – noon.

Come one come all and support these very fine organizations.

The monthly Holland Cub luncheon was held October 18. I would like to thank the following Sub School students from Class 23480 for helping serve and cleanup the meal.

Straight MMA E1

Tena TM E3

Krueger FT E1

Ritter STS E3

Shumate TM E3

Waddell TM E3

Job Well Done.

v/r,

Paul Skalski

JrVice Commander

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BASE SECRETARY

Alvin (Al) G. Kinsall

NOVEMBER 2024 – Monthly Newsletter Input.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

In accordance with the USSVI Groton Base Bylaws dated 07JUN2021, the year 2024 will bring about the election of officer positions for Sr. Vice Commander and Secretary. The election for these officers is a two-year term, held in the even number year. A nomination committee will convene at the February 2024 membership meeting and remain open until 15APR2024.

Base Sr. Vice-Commander Duties:

- a. Shall be responsible for membership rolls in the manner prescribed by the Executive Board to show always, the names of the members of this organization, alphabetically arranged, their respective places of residence, their post office address, and the year when each person became a member.
- b. Shall be responsible for the promulgation of all pertinent information to the officers of the base.
- c. Shall be the Chairman of the Base Finance Committee.
- d. During the absences and/or inability of Base Commander to render and perform his duties, or exercise powers, as set forth in these bylaws, or in the laws under which the corporation is organized, the same shall be performed and exercised by the Sr. Vice Commander. And when so acting, they shall have all the powers given to, or imposed upon, the Base Commander.

e. Shall provide oversight, guidance and council for those individuals and entities assigned to this Office in the USSVI Groton Base Organization Chart.

Base Secretary Duties:

- a. Shall keep a record of the meetings of the general membership and of the Executive Board.
- b. Shall be the custodian of the records and of the seal and affix the latter when required.
- c. Shall be responsible for the contents, publication, and distribution of the newsletter.
- d. Shall maintain, change and or modify events in the Base Calendar as needed or requested.
- e. Shall present to the Executive Board at their stated meetings, all communications addressed to the Secretary officially by the Base Commander or any other officer or member of the base.
- f. Shall attend to all correspondence and perform all duties incident to their office.
- g. Title Secretary shall draft calls of meetings, conduct the election of the base officers and be responsible for the giving of notice thereof as required by these bylaws.
- h. Shall provide oversight, guidance and council for those individuals and entities assigned to this Office in the USSVI Groton Base Organization Chart

The Executive Board highly recommends that the organization have turnover in its leadership positions so that USSVI Groton Base will continue to grow well into the future. Any member in good standing who is interested in inquiring about either position should contact the Base Commander, Steve Ricard at commander@ussvigroton.org or 860-460-0963.

V/r

Alvin G. Kinsall
Base Secretary
secretary@ussvigroton.org

TREASURER REPORT October 22, 2023

- 1 Financial report - all bills paid thru October 22, 2023.
2. Status of national relocation: next phase is tentative for November.
- 3 EBAY – we have over 100 plagues available on Ebay
 - Check out US SUBVETS GROTON BASE on eBay! We started with over 200.
 - We have collected \$5,262 from these sales (thanks to Bill Cavanagh efforts)

https://www.ebay.com/str/ussubvetsgrotonbase?mkcid=16&mkevt=1&mkrid=711-127632-2357-0&ssspo=wvsyp_d8rpe&sssrc=3418065&ssuid=wvsyp_d8rpe&widget_ver=artemis&media=EMAIL.

We also have Command level plagues available.
All donations go to the Groton Capital Improvements account.
We need to sell off the remaining, so we are offering deals.

- 4 Thanksgiving Appeal – 319 donations received \$28,368, that’s 30% of our members donating
 - we appreciate your support and donations
 - if you can donate a frozen turkey bring it to the club on November 17th
 - if you want us to deliver a turkey dinner to you or to a homebound veteran please let us know

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CHAPLAINS REPORT

Earl Colella & John Carcioppolo



Honors Detail – John “Gumba” Carcioppolo gumba700@comcast.net

The following is the Honors Detail activity from 27 September – 24 October 2023 There were 4 Eternal Patrols as follows:

EM2(SS) James D. Rohen – 18 Aug 2023 No Honors Detail

MMCM(SS) Bruce A. Selby – 14 Sep 2023 – Honors Detail 30 Sep 2023. There were 9 SUBVETS for the Honors Detail John Carcioppolo, Earl Colella, Alex Doucette, Bob Dulin, Al Kinsall, Stan Mathis, Buck-o Padgett, Bob Sharpe, Paul Skalski. We were joined by members of the Silent Service Motorcycle Club.

CWO3 Matthew Mark Thomson – 24 Sep 2023 – Honors Detail 14 Oct 2023. There were 4 SUBVETS for the Honors Detail John Carcioppolo, Rob Davis, Alex Doucette, Al Kinsall, Stan Mathis.

LCDR James J. Wallace – 02 Oct 2023 – No Honors Detail

EMCM(SS) William R. Beagle – 20 Oct 2023 – Honors Detail 28 Oct 2023. Earl Colella, Bob Dulin, Rob Davis, Alex Ducette, Bob Gustofson, Al Kinsall, Stan, Mathis, Steve Ricard.

Our condolences to the families of our departed Shipmates.

Many thanks to the members of the Honors Detail who continue to participate in rendering honors to our Shipmates and to Earl Colella for his admin support in the preparation and mailing of the Eternal Patrol Certificates and prayers at the ceremonies.. We couldn't render honors to our shipmates without all of your support.

I get the information for the bios when I put out in the Eternal Patrol announcements. from the USSVI National Webpage Membership section. What you have there is what I put out. Additionally some of the info comes from old bios from Holland Club inductions. If your info is not up-to-date either update it or ask Membership Chairman Jeff Fletcher to update it. Jeff can be contacted at membership@ussvigroton.org.

Garbage In, Garbage Out. If we don't have all the right stuff then that's what we are going to put out.

Also with regards to information if we don't know of a members passing, we can not provide the information or present Honors.

Please ensure that your families know that when you have passed to contact Groton Base Chaplain Earl Colella 734-730-1026 earl.colella@comcast.net or John Carcioppolo 860-514-7064 gumba700@comcast.net and if possible provide a link to the obituary.

Keep your eyes open. If you know of a members passing or see an obituary of someone who may be a member don't hesitate to pass that info along. A link to the obituary is always good to have.

The sooner we know the information the more timely we can react and put out the notices and hopefully have the Honors Detail render honors.

All too often we find out about the passing of a member long after the funeral and do not get the chance to provide honors for our Shipmates.

We are always looking for potential new members of the Honors Detail to supplement those who participate. If you are interested in being part of the Honors Detail please contact me or the Base Commander, Steve Ricard.

Saluting Canons – We are looking for donations of .10 gauge blank shotgun shells needed for the saluting canons. We are starting to run low and are looking for someone to donate to the cause. If you would like to donate, please contact either John Carcioppolo or Base Commander Steve Ricard.

“THERE IS A PORT OF NO RETURN, WHERE SHIPS
MAY RIDE AT ANCHOR FOR A LITTLE SPACE. AND
THEN SOME STARLESS NIGHT THE CABLE SLIPS,
LEAVING ONLY AN EDDY AT THE MOORING
PLACE. GULLS VEAR NO LONGER, SAILOR REST
YOUR OAR.

Let us have a moment of silence for our Shipmates on Eternal Patrol



HOLLAND CLUB REPORT

Rich Cheatham, Chairman AN

EXCLUSIVE GROUP WITHIN OUR SUBMARINE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION WHERE THE CORE REQUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY IS THE DESIGNATION "QUALIFIED IN SUBMARINES" FOR A MINIMUM OF FIFTY YEARS.

We had **58** members and guests join us on a brisk fall morning for our October 17, 2023, Luncheon. At the suggestion of **Bob Dulin**, and in honor of Tony, Hawaiian Shirts were the order of the day.



Past USSVI National Commander **Frank Whitty** and SUBASE Commanding Officer **Captain Ken Curtin** joined us in sharing Birthday wishes for WWII Submarine Veterans **Tony Faella** and **Edward Tulinski Sr.**, Tony just turned 101 last September and **Ed** will turn 100 next January. Tony Qualified in Submarines in 1944 on USS SPEARFISH (SS 190) and Ed Qualified in Submarines in 1943 on R-11 (SS 88).



We Inducted Motor Machines Mate Second Class Submarines Edward Tulinski Sr into the Groton Base Holland Club in a little ceremony. Ed was joined by his wife, Helen, and his son Edward Tulinski, Jr.



Tony and Ed are just two of our WWII Submarine Heroes. We were also joined by a Third WWII Submarine Hero, **Robert Heist**. Robert Qualified in Submarines in 1945 on USS CHOPPER (SS 342). It is not often we have had **THREE WWII Submarine Heroes** in the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse at the same time. Tony, Ed, and Robert, it's great to have you join us!



Of course, there was a cake, a spirited rendition of Happy Birthday and gifts for the Birthday boys. Captain Curtin presented Ed with a few mementos in honor of his 100th Birthday, including a very rare challenge coin - the Connecticut Submarine Century coin.



Our **November Luncheon** Guest Speaker will be Ms. **Rebecca Karun**, Operations Supervisor of the United Service Organizations (USO) Center at Naval Submarine Base, New London. The November Luncheon will be held on **November 14, 2023**.

PLEASE NOTE: The **NOVEMBER 2023** luncheon will be held on **November 14th**.
This is a one-time change. Mark your calendar.

All USSVI members are welcome to join us for Lunch. If you plan to attend, please let me know... It helps Paul and Katrina ensure all have plenty to enjoy.

Rich Cheatham
 Groton Base Holland Club Chair
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COLOR GUARD

Bob Sharpe



The Color Guard proudly provided the presentation of colors at the U. S. S. Albacore SS-218 memorial service. This September 16th memorial service was originally scheduled to be held at the U. S. Submarine World War II Memorial East. Unfortunately, Hurricane Lee's predicated course caused the event to be moved to the U.S. Submarine Force Museum. True to the Submarine Force Museum's mission statement, with short notice, the museum stepped up and provided an outstanding backdrop for Albacore's Memorial service. With over 70 family members in attendance, the color guard presented the U.S. National Flag, Prisoner of War, U.S. Navy, and Submarine Veterans of World War II flags. Color guard members Robert Sharpe recited the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II creed and Robert Dulin recited the U. S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. creed.

The Color Guard will muster again in November for the Groton Base's Veterans Day celebration followed by our Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony on December 7.

USS Thresher Memorial Service

Memorial Day/USS Scorpion Memorial Service

USSVI Groton Base Anniversary
Veterans Day

Independence Day - 'The 4th of July'
Pearl Harbor Day

When approved by the USSVI Groton Base Executive Board, the Groton Base Color Guard can provide Color Guard services for the following special events:

Submarine Reunions Submarine Eternal Patrol Services Special Veteran's Events (Presentations, dinners, picnics, etc.)

As always, I am looking for members to step forward and become part of our color guard roster. If you are interested in becoming a member, please email me at bobsharpe@hotmail.com or on my Cell at (860) 501-6161 and leave a message.

MEMBERSHIP

Jeff Flesher

Membership Update

We are in the process of updating our membership rolls and will be sending communications out to previous Groton Base members who are not current with their dues. This will occur over the period of the next couple of months and will include those members who are not current with Base and National dues and those who are current with National but not Groton Base. Those who are current national members (i.e., Life National Members) and not up to date with the Groton Base will be reassigned from Groton Member to National Member At Large. Please pay your dues to maintain your Base affiliation. Former members can become current without penalty for missed years by paying Groton Base dues of \$5.00 for the remainder of 2023 and \$30.00 for 2024 for a total of \$35.00.

Groton Base Dues Increase

Effective January 1, 2024, Groton Base dues will mirror the dues increases enacted by National earlier this year. Annual members will increase from \$25 to \$30. The multiple year dues options will also mirror National with the exception that there will not be a Groton Base Life Membership option. Current Groton Base Life Members are not impacted by this change. You can still renew before Jan 1, 2024, at the current Base rates (i.e., \$25 for one year).

Members – 1171
Life National Members – 853
Holland Club – 615
Associate Members - 74

New Members September 27, 2003 – October 25, 2023

Regular Members

MM1(SS) James Birge, qualified 1984, USS Hyman G. Rickover
ET1(SS) Timothy Schlimpert, qualified 1986, USS Hyman G. Rickover
ETR2(SS) Allen Hynek, qualified 1970, USS Hardhead

Active-Duty Submarine Qualified

YNS2(SS) Devin Ramos Murillo, qualified 2018, USS Minnesota
STS2(SS) Dimetrius Winks, qualified 2019, USS New Mexico
MMAC(SeI) (SS) Micheal Kerekes Jr., qualified 2014, USS Annapolis
ETN1(SS) Dylan Berry, qualified 2013, USS Hartford
LSS1(SS) John Oliver, qualified 2014 USS Montpelier

**Associate
IT1 John Manning**

New Active Duty free for Base and National Dues their first calendar year of membership!!

Are you a current member who wants to pay base and/or national dues for 2024 or beyond? If so, you can skip the forms and use PayPal from our website. You don't need a PayPal account, choose the guest option. Of course, you can still also pay at the Clubhouse or by mail. You can renew on the Groton Base website - <https://www.ussvigroton.org/dues-renewal>

Please contact.
Jeff Flesher
Groton Base Membership Chairman
membership@ussvigroton.org
Thank you to all renewing members!!



USSVI GROTON BASE “SILENT SERVICE”

Richard Rusczyk

SUBVETS LICENSE PLATE Contact Richard Rusczyk (richardrusczyk@att.net)

See Our Website: <https://www.ussvigroton.org/linksofinterest>.



Applications are available at the clubhouse next to the bulletin board in the pumphoom.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Greg Kane

2024 USSVI Groton Base Scholarship Applications Available

The Scholarship Committee shall accept applications for consideration from:

Any student, between the age of 17 through 26, whose parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent or great-grandparent or step great-grandparent is a member or an associate member with a minimum of one year of membership in good standing of the (USSVI), Groton Base in the year of application, and has a C grade average or equivalent in the year of application.

Any student, between the age of 17 through 26, whose parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent or great-grandparent or step great-grandparent is a member or an associate member with a minimum of one year of membership in good standing of the (USSVI), Groton Base in the year of application, who has been home schooled and has an institution (church or private organization sponsored) certificate of completion of the home-schooling program.

(From the USSVI Groton Base PPM)

The 2024 Scholarship Application is posted on the Groton Base Website.

The deadline for submission is April 15, 2024.

Thank you.

Groton USSVI Base Scholarship Committee

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Marion Galbraith



The Memorial Committee is working diligently on the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 November 2023. We would like to hold the ceremony at the newly overhauled USS Flasher conning tower and sail structure, but Mother Nature has the final say. We are tentatively scheduled for the City of Groton Municipal Building at 1100.

As soon as the first frost happens we will be asking for volunteers to help pull out the flowers that were planted in the springtime.

VETERANS CORNER

SGT Brain Hague US Army (Retired)

From the desk of USSVI Groton Base Veterans Affairs

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR VA BENEFITS?

DON'T KNOW IF YOU QUALIFY FOR VA BENEFITS?

Contact Brian Hague, USSVI Groton Base Veterans Affairs Representative (860)237-7323
veterans@ussvigroton.org

Hey Navy, another month down and more VA news out and about. The VA just put out an overall report card. [2023 VA State of Innovation Report - VA News](#)

Here's the "so far" report card on the Pact Act. [VA PACT Act Performance Dashboard](#)

For those who like to track the West Haven Campus during the renovations, I'll leave up the link to the final Environmental Assessment Report from Dec 2022 it includes campus overlay: [VA OCFM - West Haven VAMC - NEPA Final Environmental Assessment - December 2022](#)

"The more you sweat in peacetime, the less you bleed in war." Get ahead of your final wishes and plan now for what you want. Do it now and no worries. <https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-expands-burial-benefits/>

Looking to travel, but with a good deal. Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC) might be for you and your family. <https://news.va.gov/124422/armed-forces-vacation-club-for-veterans/>

My HealtheVet is moving onto VA.gov. [My HealtheVet is moving to VA.gov: What to know - VA News](#)

Are you a high-tech Sailor? The VA put out a helpful link to navigate their Apps. [How to use cool features in VA's official mobile app - VA News](#)

Here's an Oct 2019 study from the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory on Submarine Medicine. [An Overview of the Unique Field of Submarine Medicine \(dtic.mil\)](#)

Remember, if you want to see other info related to submariner medical issues let me know and I'll track it down and post it. Hope to see you at the club for Thanksgiving!

<https://www.va.gov/>

Always a good place to start.

[Home - My HealtheVet - My HealtheVet \(va.gov\)](#)

Track your appointments, meds and more.

[Military and Veteran Benefits, News, Veteran Jobs | Military.com](#)

This is a great website for info on any Military and Veteran related.

"No one stands so tall as when they stoop to help a child" Abraham Lincoln.'



GROTON BASE'S KAP(SS) 4 KID(SS) WEEK HOSPITAL VISIT

On November 13, 2023, as part of USSVI's Annual Kap(SS) 4 Kid(SS) Week (the period around Veteran's Day), the Groton Base's K4K Team will visit the Kids at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital (YNHCH).

On Veteran's Day, November 11, 2009, YNHCH was the very first hospital our K4K Team visited! Every year since then, we have visited the Kids there around Veterans Day.

Our visits to YNHCH around Veteran's Day have always been extra special. The Kids, their families, and the staff are more engaged than usual, and we continually get thanked for our service to our country.

Below are two pictures from that Veterans Day visit:



This picture shows our K4K Team (L-R) Paul Grammer, Paul Dillon, Roy Wilkes, Mike DeLeo, and John Riley. Colin, the young boy in the picture, was the first Kid we made an Honorary Submariner that day. I remember that he was very excited and painted a cool picture of a submarine. He is probably in his early twenties now, and maybe serving on Submarines!

The picture below includes the first Child Life Specialists we ever worked with during our visits. They are amazing health care professionals who help children and families navigate the process of illness, injury, disability, trauma, and hospitalization, and have become very good friends over the years.

"We began by imagining that we are giving to them; we end by realizing that they have enriched us" - Pope John Paul II

K4K VIDEO & INFO:

<https://www.ussvcf.org/kapss-4-kidss-fund.html>

If the above link does not work, try a copy, and paste into your browser.



USSVI GROTON BASE "NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST"

Happy Birthday to all who continue to celebrate.

11/1 Errol D. Vanicek	11/14 Myron L Le Anna
11/1 Ralph Bret	11/14 Edward Y Johnson
11/1 Franklin Gary King	11/14 Murray P Lewis
11/1 Bernard W. Caton II	11/14 Bruce DeFrehn
11/1 Robert A. Perritt	11/14 Paul Hurley
11/2 Walter Whittingslow	11/14 Rodney E. Totten
11/2 Marshall H. Smith	11/14 Gerald Cyrul
11/2 Gary H. Hall	11/15 Harold T. Baska
11/2 Peter Berns	11/15 James Streeter
11/2 Richard L. Strader	11/15 Robert A Duke
11/3 John M Brooks	11/16 Albert H. Konetzni, Jr.
11/4 Richard C Moravsik	11/16 Glenn Appleton
11/4 Kelly Walker	11/16 Erik Holmstrom
11/4 William F Longman	11/17 Joseph H. Pond
11/5 Cal Colavechio	11/17 Kenneth J Dugas
11/5 Claude C. Lemoi	11/17 Jack A Mullin
11/5 R. Lloyd Dieter	11/17 Ralph H. Young
11/6 Francis J Murphy, Jr.	11/17 Dale E. Walters
11/6 Robert E. Roberts	11/18 Maureen A. McLarrin
11/7 Raymond Brown	11/18 J. Peter Plenninger
11/7 George E. Moyer	11/18 Enrique Chavez
11/7 Bruce H. Gran	11/18 Michael Brawner
11/7 Donald P. Rinthen	11/19 Donald M. Chase
11/7 William T Rogers	11/19 James F Stone
11/8 Eric C. Biemiller	11/19 Alan Hayes
11/8 Stephen C. Garmon	11/19 Daniel G Wilson
11/8 Donald R. Maranell	11/20 Raymond G. Tripodina
11/9 Craig T. Schorr	11/20 Craig Camerer
11/10 Harold E. Coburn	11/21 Carroll M Vary, Jr
11/10 Gregg Ross	11/21 Owen D. Carlson
11/11 Paul Grammer	11/21 David Ellis
11/12 Richard B. Mendelson	11/21 Jason Roberts
11/12 John Stellenwerf	11/22 Howard Haines Brown III
11/12 Charles K Bates	11/22 Dell A. Howse
11/12 Michael Sibiga	11/22 William Brauer
11/12 James A. McPherson	11/22 Martin W. Kozerefski
11/12 Rocco Nicholas Arturo	11/22 Scott M. Thompson
11/12 Alfonso Agolio	11/22 Keith F. Post
11/12 Caroline M Moreau	11/22 James E. Kelsey Jr
11/13 Elmer F Flanagan	11/23 Roger L Fugate
11/13 John A Daley	11/23 Victor M. Alvarado
11/13 Willaim Litzendorf	11/23 Philip Johnson
11/13 Lonnie Lee Barham	11/23 Jason R. Alcantara
11/14 Durrell B. Rader	11/24 Gordon L. Hanson
11/14 Jeffry L Stober	11/24 Al Jagaczewski

11/24 Billy Joe Cassio
11/25 Robert MacGregor
11/25 Michael C. Ransom
11/27 Jeffrey Waters
11/27 Norman R. Rock
11/27 James Tarr
11/28 Edward T Swaenepoel

11/28 Roy C. Harness
11/28 William Keel
11/28 Taylor R. Gilbert
11/29 Peter Dellarco
11/30 Stuart W. Temple
11/30 Lewis E. Crone

USSVI GROTON BASE "NOVEMBER ETERNAL PATROL LIST"

Date Died - First Name - Last Name

1-Nov-2022 - Danny Buchan	11-Nov-2013 - James Gleason Jr
1-Nov-2021 - Barry Gran	11-Nov-2000 - Edward Baker
1-Nov-2017 - Burnette Rickmond Jr.	13-Nov-2009 - David Starratt
2-Nov-2015 - Ronald Primeaux	15-Nov-2015 - Kenneth Carr
2-Nov-2006 - Peter Springer	16-Nov-2020 - Allen Paul Wallen
3-Nov-2018 - Jim Drozd	16-Nov-2016 - Charles Aldrich Jr
4-Nov-2020 - Ronald Alt	16-Nov-2016 - Eldon Ivy
4-Nov-2014 - Alfred Murphy	16-Nov-2016 - Robert Lancaster
5-Nov-2018 - Aquiles Faustino	17-Nov-2006 - William Martin
5-Nov-2016 - Jerome Connolly	18-Nov-2018 - James Gentry
5-Nov-2012 - David Johnson	19-Nov-2018 - Robert Campbell
6-Nov-2021 - Lawrence Davis	19-Nov-2008 - Bertman Lewis
6-Nov-2011 - Joseph Gaudet Jr	19-Nov-1982 - Hercules Nicholas
6-Nov-2000 - Elbert Wheat	20-Nov-2013 - Frankie Stapleford
7-Nov-2020 - Charlie Ketner	20-Nov-2008 - Ronald Marcoux
7-Nov-2010 - John Sumner	20-Nov-1996 - John Jackson Jr
9-Nov-2022 - Richard Cordero	21-Nov-2021 - Dennis Hamilton
9-Nov-2013 - Luther Bess	21-Nov-2021 - John Manuilow
9-Nov-2003 - Joseph Carmenati	21-Nov-2010 - James Owens Jr
10-Nov-2022 - Andrew Elnicki	21-Nov-2009 - Patrick Bryson
10-Nov-2018 - Robert Seeley - Sr	22-Nov-2021 - Benjamin Heck
11-Nov-2019 - Douglas Crandall	22-Nov-2020 - John Tregoning

22-Nov-2010 - William Redd
23-Nov-2018 - Richard Dow
23-Nov-2008 - Jack O'Leary
23-Nov-2006 - Emery Young
23-Nov-2000 - Malone Jones
24-Nov-2009 - John Chiffer
25-Nov-2016 - Stanley Sieveking
25-Nov-2011 - Robert Law
26-Nov-2022 - Howard Booth Jr
26-Nov-2019 - Earl Roberts
26-Nov-2017 - Norman Heller
26-Nov-2010 - Robert Lenartz
26-Nov-2009 - Andrew Mollohan

26-Nov-2006 - Wiley Gilliland
26-Nov-2001 - Edward Fogarty
27-Nov-2020 - Dennis Halstead
27-Nov-2019 - Edward Childs
27-Nov-2016 - Walter Laskey (Laskowski)
28-Nov-2021 - William Miller
28-Nov-2017 - Robert Boyd Jr
28-Nov-2015 - Thomas Striffler
30-Nov-2021 - Christopher Frye
30-Nov-2018 - John Trubee
30-Nov-2011 - Robert Davis
30-Nov-2006 - Joseph Holmes



I have one consolation that lives with me today. That God is near to them, in his own special way. So, God in all Your mercy, keep near Thyself the soul, of every Submariner, still on his final patrol.

Lord, this departed shipmate with Dolphins on his chest is part of an outfit known as the best.

Make him welcome and take him by the hand. You'll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land.

So, heavenly Father add his name to the roll of our departed shipmates still on patrol. Let them know that we who survive will always keep their memories alive.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

THE CHAPEL ON THE THAMES

The Chapel on the Thames (COT) is located aboard Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton and offers both Protestant and Roman Catholic worship services for active duty, retired veterans, and their families.

The COT was originally conceived and constructed as a memorial to submariners, officers and enlisted, who lost their lives in the service of their country during the Second World War. It was dedicated 79 years ago on December 3, 1944, and in it you will find many submarine related themes, including beautiful stained-glass windows and pews labeled with brass plates to memorialize specific submarines from World War II.

All with base access are welcome to participate in scheduled services, which are on Sundays as follows: Protestant Service at 9:30 AM and Roman Catholic Mass at 11:30 AM. COT is located directly across the parking lot from Dealey Center movie theater. We hope you will take the time to visit us at this historic chapel.”

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**YOUR SERVICE IS
NEEDED TODAY!**

HISTORIC SHIP NAUTILUS SSN-571
**SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM (SFM) IS ACTIVELY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS
FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO SERVE AS DOCENTS.**

THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DOCENT
TO GREET PEOPLE AS THEY ENTER THE MUSEUM AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MUSEUM PATRONS.
THE DOCENT WATCH MAY ALSO GIVE GUIDED TOURS TO PATRONS OR COORDINATE WITH THE STAFF FOR GUIDED
TOURS AND EVENTS THAT ARE EITHER BY REQUEST OR PRE-ARRANGED BY THE MUSEUMS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.
THE DOCENT WATCH IS NORMALLY A 4-HOUR COMMITMENT ON DAYS THAT THE MUSEUM IS OPENED, ROTATED AND
SHARED BY THE DOCENT TEAM

SINCE THE SHIPS DRYDOCK OVERHAUL IN 2022
THE MUSEUM HAS CONSISTENTLY GROWN OUTREACH BY 300% TO 500% EVERY SIX MONTHS AND THE DEMAND
SIGNAL FOR SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS AND WITH VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS IS CONTINUING TO GROW. DOCENTS AND
VOLUNTEERS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OR CO-LEAD SOME OF THESE EVENTS WITH OUR EDUCATION
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*** INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GENERAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.**